



**Texas House Republicans' Statement in Support of  
Soren Aldaco's Case Before Texas Supreme Court  
(Case No. 24-1069, *Aldaco v. Wood et al.*)**

AUSTIN, Texas (February 4, 2026) —

The undersigned members of the Texas House of Representatives issue this statement in support of Petitioner Soren Aldaco's Case No. 24-1069 which is set for oral arguments before the Texas Supreme Court on February 11, 2026.

Ms. Aldaco's case presents a significant question concerning when the two-year statute of limitations for medical malpractice liability begins to run, directly affecting access to justice for individuals who receive irreversible "gender-affirming" medical procedures.

We respectfully urge recognition that Ms. Aldaco should be permitted to proceed with her claims based on the timeline of her case, as well as that Texas law must protect patients' access to justice rather than foreclose it through limitations periods ill-suited to these circumstances.

*Background*

As a minor, Ms. Aldaco struggled with her identity and found affirmation in online communities that encouraged identification as male, blurring the line between fantasy and reality. These influences shaped her self-perception during adolescence, and she began identifying as a boy at age 11. Her gender confusion continued through her teen years as she identified as gender fluid and non-binary.

In 2020, Ms. Aldaco received telehealth 'counseling' for relationship issues from mental health provider Barbara Wood, during which Soren expressed she was gender fluid and exploring such. Provider Wood did not investigate or 'counsel' Ms. Aldaco on these claims.

Despite failing to counsel Ms. Aldaco through her gender confusion, and therefore having little to no insight into Soren's gender perspective, on February 22, 2021, Barbara Wood issued a letter recommending Ms. Aldaco undergo a "gender affirming" double mastectomy.

On June 11, 2021, Barbara Wood's "gender affirming" double mastectomy recommendation was used by the Crane Clinic to satisfy the clinic prerequisites for performing life-altering surgery on Soren. The double mastectomy resulted in serious medical complications that were not acknowledged or treated and Ms. Aldaco realized the extent of the harm perpetrated by providers who relied on ideological medical practices instead of careful assessment. Ms. Aldaco has since detransitioned and now identifies as a biological woman.

On May 9, 2023, before the two-year anniversary of the botched surgery, Ms. Aldaco gave Barbara Wood and other medical providers the pre-suit notice of health care liability claims required by Texas statute. Through litigation that has now reached the Texas Supreme Court, the medical Respondents desperately seek to avoid responsibility for harming Ms. Aldaco by arguing the two-year limitations

period began to run when Ms. Wood penned her infamous “gender affirming” double mastectomy letter, rather than when the debilitating surgery was performed on Soren.

By the Respondents’ absurd math, if the botched surgery that relied on Ms. Wood’s letter of February 22, 2021, had been performed on February 23, 2023, the limitations period would have expired before Soren was wheeled into the OR, before the surgeon lifted the scalpel, before Soren awoke post-op to discover horrible complications—a preposterous interpretation.

### *Legislative Intent*

The legislative intent of the two-year limitations period in the Texas Medical Liability Act is to prevent frivolous, fraudulent claims after many years, not to give safe harbor hideouts for medical professionals whose ideology overrides sound medical judgment and causes egregious harm to Texas patients.

Ms. Aldaco’s case was clearly initiated within the limitations period and should proceed for consideration before a Texas jury for determination on the merits of her underlying malpractice claims.

For our part, the Texas Legislature has specifically addressed the uniquely debilitating harms of gender modification by prohibiting provision of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and related procedures on minors (SB14, 88R, Campell/Oliverson), and requiring insurance coverage for medical care related to gender-transition complications for detransitioners (SB1257, 89R, Hughes/Leach).

Additionally, the undersigned are committed to advancing legislation in the upcoming 90th Legislative Session similar to HB 888 in 88R (Slawson) and HB 1088 in 89R (Slawson), to once and for all end the absurd time-clock gamesmanship exhibited by the Wood respondents in this case by extending the malpractice limitations period for detransitioners harmed by negligent providers.

***Quite simply: Do no gender-modification harm to Texans—or find no shelter from liability claims.***

Respectfully,

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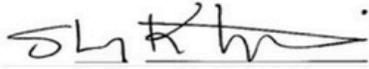
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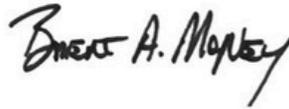
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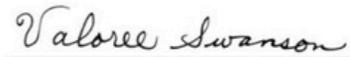
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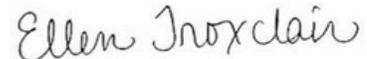
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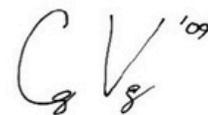
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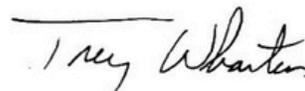
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